



1 to 1 Laptop Program FAQs

Question 1.

I already have a device, can I bring that to school instead of participating in the 1 to 1 program?

RVSSC and our school P & C has made a commitment to move forward using our chosen device and with the 1 to 1 laptop program, and BYOD Devices are not able to be used at Ripley Valley State Secondary College.

- The consistency of devices and the guarantee that the required software is on all student devices at all times helps with the security, training of teachers and the total integration of ICT in daily classroom practice.
- Student monitoring and Administration Control of all school owned devices. With BYOD models the school and teachers lack the ability to monitor what students are accessing and how they are using their devices. Teenagers need to learn how to use technology effectively, and as such need ongoing guidance in this area. RVSSC monitor student device use (during school hours) using a monitoring program, which also gives staff the ability to block websites, games and any other functionality on the device that students may not be using appropriately. Teachers can also share documents and resources from screen to screen. This functionality can only happen on school owned devices through our 1 to 1 laptop program.
- The 1 to 1 laptop model removes equity and comparison issues between students. All students have the same device and equipment.
- Having a fleet of school owned laptops enables us to have same day laptop repairs, and onsite technical support for all issues and a hotswap device bank included in the 1 to 1 laptop package. BYOD devices are not covered under this support, and thus reliability of all students having working, reliable laptops each and every day is difficult.
- Access to school network, printers and all online school resources is easier and school managed rather than parent / student managed.

Question 2.

If I participate in the program for a year and then move schools can I buy the device?

No. The laptop is a school owned device that students will be borrowing for a term of three years.

Question 3.

Will my child use computers 'too much' for school work?

Use of computers will compliment the existing school curriculum by providing appropriate digital learning tools and they will only use their laptops when they serve a purpose. Reading and writing using pen and paper is just as important to our team then using technology.

Question 4.

How can 1:1 devices improve learning?

With greater access to real-time information, digital learning resources, educational software and collaborative workspaces, students demonstrate a higher level of motivation and engagement in their learning.

Typically students experience initial improvement in areas such as organisation and technological skills, revision, writing and editing work. With the development of presentations and other multimedia projects, students experience improvement in analytical, presentation and speaking skills.

Question 5.

Will students be allowed to play on their laptops at lunch times?

No. Students will be able to gain permission from teachers on occasion to work on an assessment or project in the library on their laptops, at which time students will be working under supervision. However, generally students are not able to access their laptops during break times.

Question 6.

What about safe internet use?

Internet service within RVSSC network is closely monitored by a filtering system which allows for inappropriate content blocking issued by Education Queensland. We have filtering that also monitors outside of School, however further information about different ways to monitor and filter at home can also be found on our school website.

Question 7.

Will the student files on a device be private?

Students can expect their device to be periodically inspected and monitored for appropriate usage. School personnel may request access to the browser history and or caches as well as any and all files belonging to the student resident on the computers as well as stored on the school servers. Students files saved on their personal OneDrive accounts are secured by a personal password. If our technical manager Or Head of Digital Technologies / eLearning requires access due to breach of policy parents will be contacted for permission.

Question 8.

What software will be on the device?

A comprehensive and high-quality software list will meet the needs of students over the life of the device: however students MAY load additional software if appropriate and only through the schools computer technician and with parental consent (i.e. games). RVSSC recommends that no games be loaded onto the device at any time.

Question 9.

Can students load their own software?

No. Please see above.

Furthermore, permanent changes such as engraving, marking, painting or drawing will not be permitted as the devices remain the property of the school.

Students will be able to personalise the software interface and background

Software can be installed where the software is appropriate and the student holds the appropriate licence, however software can only be installed by the schools technician.

Question 10.

What about flat batteries?

Students are expected to charge the device overnight and to bring it fully charged to school each day. Charges are not permitted at school. A charge station will be provided in the school library if required.

Question 11.

The school monitors usage at school, but who monitors it at home?

That is the responsibility of the parents. When off school grounds parents have the full authority to monitor device usage such as:

- Encourage use in a family room and not in the bedroom
- Restrict use at certain times of the evening and weekend
- Examine the documents and other contents of the device

Further monitoring and filtering tips can be found on the school website.

Question 12.

How can students access the internet from home?

Home internet is not supplied by the school or Education Queensland. If there is an existing internet provision at home, the laptop is able to be configured for access.

Question 13.

What will happen to my child if they do not have their own laptop?

Please contact the school if you believe you cannot participate in the 1 to 1 laptop program for any reason. The school will work with all families to find a solution.

The school will have a bank of laptops available for day borrowing. These laptops will not be set up for specific students, however will be shared devices. Students who use these devices will have the same access to all the programs required, however will need to return the device at the end of each day. It is recommended that each family participate in the 1 to 1 laptop program.

Question 14.

I am worried about Cyber Safety and Cyber Bullying...

We are very proactive when it comes to Cyber Safety. All year 7 and 8 students in 2020 will be going through a Digital Literacy course learning how to use their laptops and also learning all about Cyber Safety and safety measures on their laptops. From 2021 the Digital Literacy course

will be provided to all New Year 7 students, and new students entering the school. On top of this to get their 'laptop licence' students have to complete an online laptop induction.

RVSSC has also partnered with STYMIE (www.stymie.com.au) to allow students and parents to make anonymous notifications about themselves or their peers. Once the notification has been made, RVSSC receives the information via email and responds. Cyber Bullying is not tolerated at RVSSC, and we will continue to work with our community to ensure all our students feel safe.

We will be holding student and parent information sessions on STYMIE at the beginning of the year. We will also be holding police information nights, and social media platform specific information sessions to help teach parents what students are currently looking at and doing online.

If you have any further questions please email principal@ripleyvalleyssc.eq.edu.au and our team will get back to you!